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**ABSTRACT**

5 An echo cancelling system for cancelling echoes in a communication path includes an echo locator and an echo canceller. The echo locator is coupled to the communication path and locates the positions of echo signals received from the communication path. The echo canceller is also coupled to the communication path and cancels echo signals received therefrom. During echo cancellation, the echo canceller becomes active in regions corresponding to the positions of echo signals in response to the echo locator.

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